

J. REX BYARS IS NO MORE

He Passed to His Final Rest Early Last Evening

AFTER AN ILLNESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS — WAS A PRACTICING PHYSICIAN, AND A VETERAN OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR— SERVED IN SECOND OREGON.

Dr. J. Rex Byars, one of the most popular and highly respected young men of this city and son of General and Mrs. W. H. Byars, passed away peacefully and painlessly at his home No. 455 Commercial street, at 6:20 o'clock last evening, after an illness of several months' duration, of tuberculosis, aged 24 years, 8 months and 18 days.

Deceased first saw the light of day in Roseburg, Oregon on November, 4, 1877. He was possessed of an exceptionally good education and was thoroughly qualified to pursue his chosen profession to an ultimate success, having graduated from the grammar grades of the Portland High School at the age of sixteen years, and immediately took up the study of medicine. When war was declared with Spain, however, and the President issued a call of volunteers, Rex, who was in Roseburg at the time, was among the first to answer the call and enlisted as a private in Company E, of the Second Oregon Volunteer Regiment. He was mustered in with his company at Portland, but on account of his knowledge of medicine, he was assigned to the Regimental Hospital Corps. There being vacancy in the stewardship of the Hospital Corps an examination was held for the position for which there were several aspirants and Rex, notwithstanding the fact that he entered in competition with four experienced pharmacists all of whom were his superiors in age and in point of practice, passed the examination with the highest honors and received the appointment of Hospital Steward in which honored and responsible position he served with the regiment throughout the campaign.

Upon his return with the regiment and muster out, he entered the medical college of the Willamette University from which he graduated during the month of April, 1901. Shortly after his graduation and having qualified before the State Board of Medical Examiners, as a full-fledged physician, he received the appointment as physician on the steamship "Knight Companion" and made a voyage upon it in that capacity to China and return, in which he acquitted himself very creditably, but was compelled to resign his position upon his return, on account of the dread disease which resulted in his ultimate demise at the beginning of a career which gave so much promise of success.

He was possessed of exemplary habits and disposition; his moral character was of the highest and qualified with exceptional professional qualifications, and his absence will be deeply mourned in the social circle in which he was accustomed to move. He was a member of no secret, fraternal or social organizations except the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association, being an honored member of Hal Hibbard Camp of this city.

Besides the grief-stricken parents, three sisters and three brothers survive him as follows: Col. L. Byars, brother, of Roseburg; Mrs. E. Byars, sister, of Meham; Mrs. Sherman W. Thompson, sister, Salem; Wm. F. Byars, editor of the Goldendale Sentinel; brother, Goldendale, Wash.; Dr. Alfred H. Byars, brother, Madras, California, and Miss Vera L. Byars, sister, of this city.

Despite his protracted illness through which he passed with the greatest of patience and cheerfulness, he was conscious of and resigned to his fate to the last, and even instructed his almost heart-broken parents and relatives as to the manner in which he desired to be laid to his final rest and bidding each and all an affectionate farewell, he passed away with a smile playing upon his features, which reflected the thankfulness within his heart and peace to his soul.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but will be announced later in the columns of the Statesman.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

At Panama, Colombia, by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a prominent physician, of Panama, Colombia, in a recent letter states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady 16 years of age, who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study for me, but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better. Inside of three days she was upon her feet and at the end of one week was entirely well." For sale by Stone's Drug Stores.

SALEM MILITARY BAND

WILL GIVE AN OPEN AIR CONCERT IN WILSON AVENUE THIS EVENING.

The Salem Military Band will give an open air concert in Wilson Avenue this evening at 8 o'clock, when the following excellent program will be rendered: March—Troy Talk... C. W. Munnell Overture—Something Doing... F. Deyer March—Darktown Jubilee... J. W. Beebe Euphonium Solo—Nellie Polka... Marsh March—General Miles... G. R. Farrar Waltz—Helena... W. E. Pettus Brass Quartette... Selected Overture—Mountain Echoes... W. Ditty March—Searchlight... C. W. Munnell

will serve his crown and case this (Friday) evening on Wilson Avenue, during band concert, provided the weather is favorable.

FROM OREGON EXCHANGES.

Roseburg Review:—Judge C. A. Schibred exhibited in this office this morning some very interesting purchases of the nature of three collective groups of photographs bearing on the law and crime phase of Alaskan life during Mr. Schibred's career there as U. S. Commissioner. One picture bears the likeness of the several attorneys who practiced before Judge Schibred, including the portrait of His Honor; and in the center of the group stands the large log house which in those primitive days of Alaskan judiciary answered the purpose of a court house. Another group depicted the different stages of the Horton murder case, showing the murderer wearing a Salvation Army badge, as well as the likeness of his victims. The third photo shows "Soapy" Smith in all his glory and the notorious gang of ruffians at his command among them being "Slim" Jim, whose neck was saved by Judge Schibred only after the most strenuous efforts. "Soapy" is seen as a grand marshal heading a Fourth of July procession, and eight days later finds him lying in the morgue shot dead, the result of his tumultuous career, and that portion of his gang of ruffianly followers, who were not lynched, departing for other parts where justice had not yet established its authority.

Corvallis Times:—W. W. Bristow was in town Monday, returning from a visit to the Green Peak fruit orchard. The prune crop there is a good one-third and may be a one-half crop. The yield is fully as much as the present drying capacity can handle. The number of acres of prunes in the orchard is 110. The dryer is a double 10-tunnel Kurtz, with a capacity of perhaps 300 bushels per day. The dried product of the orchard last year was 100,000. Bartlett pears in the orchard promise a very fair crop but the apples are mildewed. In the Excelsior orchard the crop of prunes is reported better than last year. The latter, however, was a light crop. The orchard is owned by Wilhelm & Sons, who have already refused an offer of five cents per pound for their best dried prunes this fall. The reported shortage of prunes all over the world seems to be materializing. Late indications are that the world's crop will be so far short of the usual that bigger prices will be obtained for the coming crop than have been seen in this country in years. Unfortunately for the growers in the vicinity of Corvallis, most of their crops are likely to be considerably below the average.

Eugene Register:—A. J. Ward returned from Lake Creek last evening. He reports that while a family was moving to Lake Creek Monday via the High Pass, the driver allowed his horses to trot down the mountain on the Lake Creek side. It was dark and instead of the team following a bend in the road they went over the embankment, wagon and all. An old lady named Sheppard was sitting in the back seat. She was thrown under the wagon and a large cook stove fell upon her. An excited but well-meaning rescuer tried to pull her out of the wreckage by the feet. The injured lady told him to leave her alone as she "was dead anyhow." More help soon arrived and the lady was finally extricated from her dangerous and exceedingly painful predicament. Although over 70 years old she still lives to tell the tale with that grim humor characteristic of old age.

Corvallis Times:—Clarence Koon who arrived in Corvallis several months ago from Minnesota, and has since resided at the Hotel place, has purchased a farm. The place is situated two miles east of Junction, and is about 12 miles distant from Eugene. It comprises 301 acres, and it is understood that the purchase price is something less than \$9,000. Mr. Koon is to occupy the property this fall. He is well pleased with Oregon, especially the Middle Willamette valley, in which he has determined to make his permanent home. Sometime ago, Mr. Koon made an offer of \$4,000 cash for the Hog place, on which he now resides. The place comprises 19 acres.

Astorian:—John Tulley, an employe of the oil works fell off the bridge back of Fisher's Opera house at an early hour yesterday morning and was severely injured. Tulley had been quite ill for some time and was unable to sleep. He wandered about town and finally sat down on the railing of the bridge. In some manner, he fell to the beach below, a distance of 15 or 20 feet. His cries were heard by Mrs. Kinkella, who lives in the neighborhood, and she telephoned Chief Mallock, who personally assisted the man to the bridge. Dr. Pilkington was called and attended the sufferer. Tulley received a gash in the head, a rock having penetrated the skull, and he was otherwise bruised. He is now at St. Mary's Hospital, and is getting along nicely.

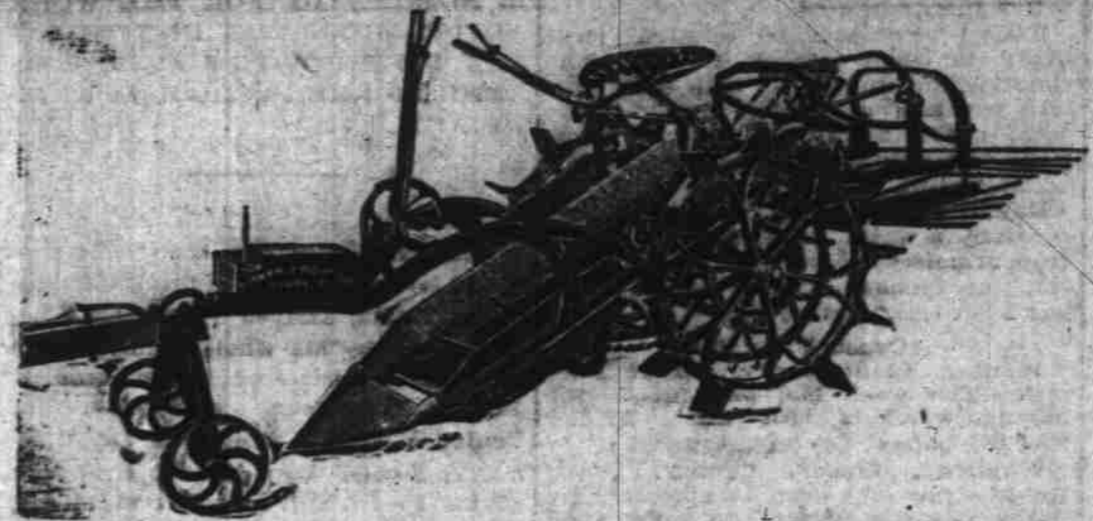
Astorian:—For about five minutes yesterday afternoon things were at almost a standstill at the Kinney cannery. Two Oriental women, one a Japanese and the other a Chinese, paid a visit to the cannery, and the husband that followed their appearance at the packing house indicated that it was a social event of an unusual occurrence. Every Chinaman in the cannery began to jabber, and it was plain to be seen that the visitors were being given the horselaugh.

Corvallis Times:—There is a big crop of candidates for the superintendency of the Penitentiary under the administration-elect. Events around the prison of late would seem to make a man there undesirable. "Certain it is, that a Corvallis man who was offered a position as shop guard by Governor Geer is now glad that he did not accept. He is a wiser and a weller man, since at the critical moment he was out of range of the Tracy-Merrill rifles."

Albany Herald:—Clay Watson, son of Attorney and Mrs. H. C. Watson, met with quite a painful accident yesterday. He poured water in a can of carbide and held a lighted match near the can. The carbide exploded, burning his face quite severely. The boy was extremely lucky that his eyes were not destroyed by the exploding gas.

La Grande Observer:—We have conversed with farmers from every part of Union county, and the general consensus is that the present grain harvest promises to be as good as has ever been gathered in it. There are no long-faced farmers in Union county, but there are quite a number of long-pursed ones.

HOOVER POTATO DIGGER



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SOME SPECIAL SESSION TALK

Governor T. T. Geer Receives Letters Urging the Proposed Call

FOR AN EARLY CONVENING OF THE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON THE FLAT SALARY AGITATION — RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY A GRANGE.

There has been little said of late regarding the special session of the Legislature, which it was thought Gov. T. Geer would call before the regular session. But the matter has not died out, as is evidenced by letters received in the Executive office from day to day, urging the calling of an extraordinary session. Among those received yesterday was one from Highland Grange, No. 261, Patrons of Husbandry, of Highland, Clackamas county, enclosing the following resolutions, adopted by that Grange on July 23d, last:

"Whereas, the Direct Legislative Amendment to the State Constitution and the system of fixing the salaries of state officials have received a practical and hearty endorsement by the legal voters of the state of Oregon, it is felt that there would be much less difficulty in securing the enactment of both these measures into law at a special session of the Legislature convened expressly for that purpose, than at a regular session; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by Highland Grange, No. 261, P. of H., that His Excellency, Governor Geer, be urged to call a special session of the Legislature for some convenient date before the regular session, for the purpose of considering the above mentioned propositions.

"G. R. MILLER, Secretary."

A VOICE FROM ALABAMA

INFORMATION WANTED BY RESIDENT OF THAT STATE ABOUT OREGON.

Hon. M. L. Chamberlin, Chief Clerk of the State Land Board, daily receives application for information regarding Oregon, from prospective homeseekers in the East. Yesterday one of these inquiries was received from a business man in the black belt of Alabama, W. S. Trimble, the proprietor of a saw and grist mill, at Trimble, Cullman county, Alabama, writes for information, and his questions show that he is not as particular about the land or the seasons, as he is about the social questions involved in a change of location. He says in his letter:

"Having been requested to corre-

spond with you, by the Pacific Home-stead, in regard to land of your state, with description and prices and terms of sale, and having received a copy of the Oregon Statesman's illustrated annual, and also some other papers, I believe, if I can get other information to my satisfaction, I would be willing to bring my family to your state.

"You will please pardon me for asking some questions:

"First—Are there any race troubles in your state, or are there many of the African people in that state, and what is the association between them and the white people?

"Second—Do you have any trouble with the different political factions?

"Third—Are the people generally religious, or not?"

Mr. Chamberlin answered the inquiry in detail in such manner as to doubtless satisfy this seeker after information, as he doubtless is anxious to escape from the conditions, as they exist in Alabama, and as he will not find them in Oregon.

CAMPAIGN IN HAWAII

BOLTERS FROM THE HOME RULE PARTY HAVE COMMENCED OPERATIONS.

HONOLULU, T. H., July 23, via San Francisco, July 26.—The bolters from the Home Rule party, under the leadership of Prince Cupid Kalaniano'ole, have begun a campaign in behalf of the new party they have formed, the Hui Kuokoa, or non-partisan party, by calling a mass meeting for next Thursday evening. A constitution has been adopted by the party, and all chance of a reconciliation with the Wilcox faction seems to be at an end.

The attitude of ex-Queen Liliuokalani has been much discussed recently. She is said by Hawaiian leaders to have refused to commit herself to one faction or the other and to have declared that she will remain out of politics. Some of the political leaders have held consultations with her, however, and it is predicted by many that she will make known her wishes before the day for voting. Such an expression from her would have great weight with the native voters.

The Republican territorial central committee has decided to hold the territorial convention on September 1st, in Honolulu.

Arthur P. Griffiths, of St. George's School, Newport, R. I., has been chosen president of Oahu College, to succeed Dr. A. M. Smith, resigned. The new president is expected here in September.

The United States training ship Mohican arrived here on the 16th, after making such a long trip that a good deal of uneasiness was experienced about her. She left Yokohama, May 25th. Contrary winds caused her delay in arriving.

FORGERY THE CHARGE

GEORGE D. YOUNG, A YOUNG MAN OF GOOD FAMILY, ARRESTED AT GRANTS PASS.

GRANTS PASS, July 26.—George D. Young, of Wimer, a small town a few miles east of here, was brought before the Justice Court in this city yesterday to answer the charge of forgery. Young pleaded not guilty and was bound over to await trial at the next term of Josephine Circuit Court.

Young is a man about 25 years of age, and is the son of a respected pioneer family. It is alleged that he has forged some half dozen notes on various persons of this section during the past year, but each was lenient with him and let the matter pass, requiring nothing more than the settlement of the sum forged. A few days ago Young presented a check at the First National Bank in this city, signed by G. F. Billings. Owing to Young's past wickedness, the bank officials suspected that the note bore a forged signature, and the investigations that followed proved the fact that Young was repeating his former unpunished crimes. He was arrested at his home Monday night and brought to Grants Pass. Young was but recently married. Neither his wife nor his father knew anything about the several forgeries committed by Young.

AN ADVANCE IS ASKED

SECTION HANDS ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC WANT BETTER WAGES FOR THEIR WORK

Section hands on the line of the Southern Pacific in Oregon have asked the company for an advance in wages from the present \$1.40 a day to \$1.75, says the Portland Telegram. They reason that they should be paid as much as the men engaged on construction work, as they are often obliged to be out Sundays and to work considerable overtime. In case of accidents or washouts, they say they have to be on hand, and so they do not consider the present pay enough, with the advanced cost of living. The company is considering the applications. Section hands work ten hours a day and board themselves out, of the pay they receive. Many of them belong to the Railway Employes' Union, whose officers are doing what they can to bring the question before the proper authorities.

The bridge carpenters, too, are asking for certain concessions from the company. At present they work nine hours for a day and are paid \$2.75. The rules require them to be at work when the whistle blows, and they are also to quit promptly on the whistle. The men say they are often obliged to ride for half an hour or more in going to and from work, and they want the time credited to the regular day. They are not asking for an advance in wages.

At the Southern Pacific shops, beyond Sellwood, about 180 men are now employed. The usual time is nine hours per day, and wages range from 30 and 35 cents an hour.

KILLED BY A HORSE.
VANCOUVER, Wash., July 21.—Louis Young, 32 years old, was killed in a logging camp near Stella today, while hitching a team to a heavy log. Young fell and a horse stepped on his head killing him instantly.

THE MAYOR RESIGNS.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 21.—Mayor A. A. Ames, now at West Baden, Ind., has decided to resign his office.